

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 12, 2004. Claims 1-7 are currently pending in the application. As indicated above, Claims 8-12 have been cancelled without prejudice. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed Claims 1-7.

In the present Office Action the Examiner has rejected Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Rezaiifar et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,408,003 B1). However, as indicated above, Claims 8-12 have been cancelled without prejudice, leaving only allowed Claims 1-7 pending in the present application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is moot.

In view of the preceding remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-7, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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